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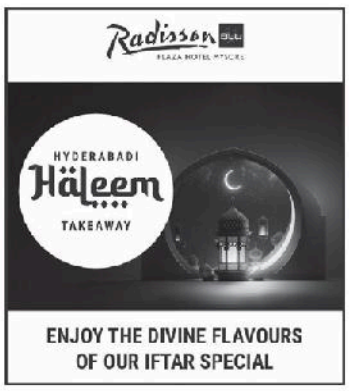

Preventing EVM fraud

DC initiates randomisation process to allot ballot and control units to polling booths

DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, seen briefing the reps of political parties and officers about the randomisation process of EVMs and VVPATs in city this morning. MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who is the Nodal Officer and MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy were present.

Mysuru, Apr.3 (RK,DM&BCT)- The first phase of randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail Machines (VVPAT) for the forthcoming Assembly elections on May 10 was done this morning at the EVM Warehouse near the new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar.

The process was done under the supervision of the District Electoral Officer and Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra in the presence of senior officials and representatives of political parties. It will be a two-day process where the EVMs and VVPAT machines to be used in each Assembly segment are selected through randomisation.

It is a measure to prevent any EVM fraud prior to polling and also ensures that nobody knows in advance which EVMs will be allotted to a particular Constituency or the polling booth. This is to ensure a free and fair election. The list of the machines with details, including the barcodes of the machines, were handed over to the Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and representatives of the political parties.

The randomisation began with the listing of serial numbers of all EVMs and VVPATs under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner. Thereafter, the machines for a given Constituency were then randomly selected through a computerised process known as first-level randomisation.

Representatives from all political parties and independents were briefed by the DC on the process to be followed in each Constituency to dispel doubts.

(See EVM on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***'Make way... Siddharamaiah is marching into Varuna.'*** *—Ed*

Police raid godowns to seize POLL FREEBIES

Liquor, gifts have arrived even before the enforcement of Model Code of Conduct

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (RK&BCT)- The City Police began a sudden raid on warehouses and godowns this morning to seize election-related materials, freebies like sarees, pressure cookers, liquor and other items.

This special raid follows the Election Commission directive that has asked the Police and other departments, flying squads and the surveillance teams to be vigilant on the freebies stored in such places. On Saturday, over 732 rice bags, cereals and ingredients meant for cooking, oil, soaps, paste and 722 food kits were seized from a godown at Hanchya on the Ring Road.

This morning, 35 teams from all the 18 Police Stations of the city led by Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Women Police, Traffic Police with 10 members in each team, raided many godowns in their attempt to seize materials that were meant to induce the voters.

The raid began at 11 am and was on till we went to the press. The details of the seizures made will be available only in the evening.

Political parties have been luring voters through various means by giving them articles including pressure cookers, dinner sets, sarees, wrist watches and even silver coins. This flow of generosity has, however, not gone unnoticed, with alert officials raiding godowns and seizing articles and foodgrains in bulk. Enforcement agencies are also seizing cash, liquor and narcotics meant for luring the young voters.

(See RAID on page 7)

Control Rooms opened

Mysuru, Apr. 3- In order to ensure strict enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, the District Administration has set up Control Rooms in all 11 Assembly segments of the district and at the DC's Office in Mysuru. Control Room phone numbers are as follows:

Chamundeshwari	:	0821 - 2414812
Krishnaraja	:	0821 - 2418800
Narasimharaja	:	94498 - 41195 / 96
Chamaraja	:	0821 - 2418816
DC Office Control Room	:	1077
Tahsildar Ramprasad	:	94484 - 22510
Helpline	:	1950
Periyapatna	:	08223 - 274007
K. R. Nagar	:	08223 - 262371
Hunsur	:	08222 - 251550
H.D. Kote	:	08228 - 255325
Nanjangud	:	08221 - 223108
Varuna	:	08221 - 223108
T. Narasipur	:	08227 - 260210

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 3rd April 2023

New Income Tax, TDS and TCS payment scheme

Mysuru, Apr. 3 - With effect from 1st April 2023, the Income Tax Department has brought in all the banks for remittance of various types of Income Tax and TDS and TCS through its website *https://www.incometax.gov.in*. Henceforth, the tax-payers cannot pay taxes in the NSDL/ Protean Portal.

Direct tax payments facility has been migrated from OLTAS 'e-payment: Pay Taxes Online' to e-Pay Tax facility of E-Filing portal. Stakeholders are advised to navigate to 'e-Pay Tax' portal of Income Tax Department on *https://www.incometax.gov.in/* to make direct tax payments.

All the tax-payers, who have either PAN or the Tax Deductor/Collectors, who have their TAN have to necessarily register in the above portal for receiving the Tax /TDS/TCS paid challans.

Henceforth, tax paid challans will be directly sent to the e-mail ID registered in Income Tax portal by Income Tax Department.

Tax-payer or Tax-deductor, including the Government offices, who pay TDS/TCS across the bank counter shall have to prepare challan with Customer Reference Number (CRN) which will be valid for 15 days from the date of generation of the challan.

The stakeholders including the Government offices, who pay TDS/TCS statement through bank shall validate their TDS / TCS Quarterly statements by downloading the Challan Status Inquiry (CSI) file from the Income Tax website upon registration.

The tax payment can be made either in Net Banking, Debit Card, Pay at Bank Counter, RTGS/NEFT mode.

For more information and procedure, it is suggested to visit the Income Tax Department portal *www.incometax.gov.in*, according to a press release from N.D. Shreenivaas of Bhavani Associates, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Aum' is not a word, it is a pure sound, so it has no meaning as such. It is a pure sound, like the sound of a waterfall. What meaning does it have? No meaning at all. The sound of an aeroplane passing by, what meaning does it have? No meaning at all. A sound becomes a word when meaning becomes attached to it. A meaningful sound is a word, a meaningless word is a sound. So, the first thing to be understood is that Aum is not a word, it is pure sound. All other words have arisen out of it, but it itself is not a word. It is the source of all sounds; it cannot have any meaning whatsoever.

Aum consists of three sounds: a, u, m. These are seed sounds. All other sounds are created by a, u, m. That's why Aum is not written alphabetically in India. It has a symbol of its own. That is simply to designate: don't be confused and don't try to think about Aum as a word. It is written pictorially, it has a picture, a symbol, which is outside the alphabet. These are symbolic things. It has been kept outside the alphabet because it is the source. The source is always out, beyond, transcendental.

Aum consists of three sounds and one** anusvara. **An** anusvara **is a very subtle sound; it represents a kind of humming. When you say, 'au' and the prolonged 'm', the humming sound that goes on reverberating is the** anusvara. **An** anusvara **means just a dot; that too represents something. So, Aum consists of four things: three visible, a, u, m and the fourth invisible, the rhythmic, humming shadow. These four represent the whole of Indian metaphysics. 'A' represents one state of the mind, when you are awake, the waking consciousness. 'U' represents when you are dreaming, the dreaming consciousness. 'M' represents when you are fast asleep, dreamlessly asleep** – *sushupti* – **deep, profound dreamless sleep. These are the three states of the human mind, human consciousness. (Abridged from The Secret; Courtesy: Osho Times International, www.osho.com)

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Australian creates world's widest wig

Sydney: An Australia resident broke a Guinness World Record (GWR) when they crafted a wig measuring 8 feet and 6 inches wide.

Guinness World Records announced Dani Reynolds broke the record for the world's widest wig when they created the oversized faux-hairdo.

Reynolds based the colour and texture of the wig on their own hair and created a substructure to support the massive mop of fabric.

The support structure was made from a bike helmet, PVC pipe, pool noodles, cable ties and aluminium rods, GWR said.

Man's girlfriend was his friend's wife

Xuchang: A Chinese man whose best friend's wife had introduced him to his online girlfriend of over a year recently learned that the woman he had fallen in love with had actually been his friend's wife trying to scam him.

Zhou, a middle-aged man from Xuchang, China's Henan province, had been trying to raise money in Myanmar to start a family. He had been gone for years, but he still kept in touch with his best friend, Xiao Li, to whom he told that his business was good and he wanted to meet a good woman. Li told him that his wife had a girlfriend who was single and that she could introduce them. The two hit it off online and agreed to continue their long-distance relationship until Zhou returned to China.

Only earlier this month, Li called his friend and told him that his girlfriend may not exist and he might have been dating his wife all along. "You seem to have been cheated, your girlfriend is my wife!" Xiao Li said over the phone, adding that his wife had left him without a word after he discovered evidence of her impersonation on her Douyin (TikTok) account.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Apart from acting as a filter, kidneys also produce various hormones which regulate bodily functions. Renin is one such hormone which is responsible for high blood pressure.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Theatre activities help in building self-confidence, personality: KIKS Director

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (GA&SSM) -"In the era of OTT and cinemas, professional theatre and amateur theatre activities have declined. Theatre training helps in enhancing the self-confidence and personality of a person who is indulged in it actively," observed Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal.

She was speaking after inaugurating the valedictory of theatre training camp organised by Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru, at Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira at Sri Vivekananda PU College in Jayalakshmipuram here on Saturday.

"With theatre activities reducing in recent days, Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru Rangayana, Natana Rangashale of Mandya Ramesh, Nirantara Foundation are actively providing training in theatre activities, thus committed to preserving the existence of theatre. Women were banished from watching plays at night back in those days at rural places. But, as the time has changed, women in villages now participate in such activities and watch plays," she said.

"Play is an ancient art. Aristotle, an Ancient Greek philosopher and polymath had written several write-ups about plays. Staging of a play is not only about acting, it is about the pronunciation and a place for personality development, increasing self-confidence etc. Theatre training these days is also a way for getting employment," she added.

'Ooru Suttaru Hanumappa Horaga,' directed by Vinod C. Mysore was staged by camp students on the occasion.

Progressive thinker Dr. K. Kalachannegowda, retired Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy, Adamya Rangashale Hon. Secretary T. Sathish Javaregowda, Secretary Chandru Mandya and others were present at the valedictory programme.

REALLY...?

- ***The Valley of Oymyakon in Yakutia — or The Pole of Cold — is located in Northeast Russia. Here temperatures can reach -70⁰, which is so cold that even alcohol freezes. With few modern conveniences available, this seemingly uninhabitable village is home to 500 Siberian people with traditional occupations like reindeer herding, hunting, and fishing. Tourism is also becoming popular among those who can brave the harsh conditions.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Father: *Son, you were adopted.*
Son: *What?! I knew it! I want to meet my biological parents!*
Father: *We are your biological parents. Now pack up, the new ones will pick you up in 20 minutes !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.39
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.24
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.43
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.06

VOICE OF THE READER

Danger lurks on newly laid roads

Sir,

Mysureans were elated when roads around their houses were asphalted recently. It was a welcome gesture as the roads were riddled with potholes, moon-like craters and unfilled cuts which were mainly due to the neglect and shoddy repair works.

However, a new concern has now arisen after the road works. Now, the smooth, black surface beckons all drivers to have a go! Drivers, specially two-wheelers, seem eager to the challenge and have seemingly launched an endurance test for both man and machine.

This invitation of the new surface loosens caution strings in the minds of vehicle drivers who floor the throttle of their vehicles and storm into the new roads. With safety concerns thrown to the winds, these riders endanger all those around them. What is glaring is the lack of painted bumps and road signs.

I therefore request the MCC to ensure that the contractors paint the roads with guidelines and borders and also paint the bumps with luminous paint, to avoid untoward incidents and ensure safety of citizens.

—Murali Nair
Saraswathipuram
27.3.2023

Himalayan Expedition for Nurses in May

Endurance training begins at Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (SSM)- The endurance training programme for 12 Nurses from different parts of State who have been selected for a Himalayan Expedition to be held from May 5 to 18 under the aegis of Tiger Adventure Foundation began yesterday.

The training programme was flagged-off at Chamundi Hill by Cr. Namrata Shenoy, Past President of Ladies Circle India and Founder-Trustee of Diya Foundation.

Speaking on the occasion, Cr. Namrata Shenoy said that it is best tribute we as citizens can give to the nurses who have given yeoman service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Briefing about the physical endurance, Punitha Pradeep, Expedition Programme Team Leader, said: "The training programme will be held for a month in which nurses will be physically trained at various places including Chamundi Hill, Bettadapura, Kunti Betta, apart from regular endurance training programme that will take place at Kukkarahalli Lake in city. The training will culminate on Apr. 30 with a 'Josh Run' at Mysuru," she added.

In the 'Josh Run,' the participants will complete 21-km half marathon and then they will be trained mentally by P.K. Ramakrishna, a NLP expert.

The nurses who assembled at Chamundi Hill Arch went on a 10-km marathon and also engaged themselves in stretching exercise at the Devikere. The whole session was moderated by Harshavardhan and Adithi Rao from Mysuru, under the guidance of DSD Solanki, Ardent Adventure Enthusiast and Chairman of Tiger Adventure Foundation.

Founder-Trustee of Tiger Adventure Foundation A. Anil Kumar and others were present.

Computer literacy workshop for women entrepreneurs held

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BS)- A two-day free workshop on Computer Literacy programme, organised by Women Can Charitable Trust at the premises of Edukare ITES Institute, Kuvempunagar, was attended by more than 50 women entrepreneurs. During the training, the participants were educated on the general knowledge to use computer and manage financial affairs.

Attending the valedictory ceremony of the workshop, Bhante Bodhitatva Thera said that "in the current digital era, computer knowledge is essential for all, for the success of business. In this regard, the training workshop organised for women entrepreneurs was a good initiative."

Prof. M.S. Sapna Nayak, Head, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore, said that "computer knowledge is essential for business management and is very necessary for the success of business. The free training organised by Women Can organisation for women entrepreneurs who lack computer knowledge is commendable."

Rachana Mahesh, Founder-President of Women Can, said that "the two-day training programme was conducted with the intent of encouraging women entrepreneurs. In this way, we have a purpose to organise more such training programmes that will benefit women entrepreneurs."

Shantakumari and Bhagirathi, the 65-year-old women entrepreneurs, shared their opinions about the workshop.

Shobha, Nandini and Daksh of Women Can Organisation were also present during the valedictory programme.

'Create better environment for working women'

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (TRR)- Chief Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prisons K.C. Divyashree has urged employers to create better environment for working women, while speaking at a function jointly organised by Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust and Negilayogi Mahileyara Kehsmabhivruddhi Sangha to commemorate the International Women's Day at Negilayogi Maruleshwara Bhavan in the city, on Wednesday.

"The Supreme Court has advised the Government and private organisations to set up complaints redressal committee in their offices to solve the problems of women employees at their work places. But our colleagues are not aware of this. When it comes to respecting the women there are confusions in society. Women have achieved enough despite limited opportunities that came in their way in the male dominated society, which tried to confine them within the four walls of their house," said Divyashree.

Observing that the achievement of women in our country is very less when compared to their population, Divyashree said that this is because in every society and every family they have to discharge their responsibilities on par with men, which is inevitable for a stable society. Once the achievement of women becomes a tradition, then it becomes a part of the society, added the Chief Jail Superintendent.

President of Negilayogi Mahileyara Kshemabhivriddhi Sangha J. Shobha Ramesh, who too spoke on the occasion, pointed out that women who were earlier restricted to their kitchen have now become achievers in every field. "But still, even today women are being exploited. The laws must be made more stringent on exploitation of women. Women by attaining education, must come forward to achieve more and they should become socially, economically, academically and politically more strong," she concluded.

Vidyavardaka Law College Principal Dr. C. Deepu, progressive woman farmer Chaitra Raj, businesswoman Ramya Umashankar, talented student Durga Bhavani were felicitated at the function.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Assistant Commissioner Chandramma, Deputy Director of Karnataka Audit and Accounts Department Savitha, Professor Dr. H.P. Geeta, Secretary Manjula Bhadregowda, Treasurer Innu Suvarna Raj and Directors of the Sangha were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

'Art of Parenting' at Nypunya School

Nypunya School of Excellence, R.T. Nagar, has organised an exclusive programme on the topic 'Art of Parenting' at Mangalya Sangama Choultry, near Nypunya corporate office in Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, on Apr. 6 from 4.30 pm. It will be an interactive session by Gururaj Karajagi, Chairman of ACT (Academy for Creative Teaching), Bengaluru, who is also the Academic Advisor of Nypunya School of Excellence. He will orient the parents about the importance of responsible parenthood and tips to raise children well, in his distinctive style. The programme is open to parents of other schools and the public. Interested may contact Mob: 9108002966.

Autism Awareness Month at AIISH

The United Nations has declared 2nd April as World Autism Awareness Day and the month of April is observed as World Autism Awareness Month to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) throughout the world. The theme for this year is "Light it up Blue."

As part of this, the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has organised various awareness programmes in the month of April 2023 for general public and pre-school teachers encouraging early identification of children with Autism — radio programmes, live phone-in, orientation and other activities. For details contact AIISH on Ph: 0821-2502000 or Mob: 98441-81080.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	96.02	feet
Yesterday	:	96.55	feet
Inflow	:	424	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,310	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,258.58	feet
Inflow	:	86	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,300	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,822.30	feet
Inflow	:	63	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

Check liquor flow and freebies, monitor stocks, supply: DC

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BCT)- Elections are about more than campaigns and rallies, which has been proved by the tactics employed by candidates who have trotted out cash, alcohol, saris, wristwatches and even biryani to lure voters into backing them while exercising their franchise.

Gone are the days when people were won over with country brew. Standards have gone up as now, shiny bottles of foreign brands are up for grabs. Despite the Election Commission's vigil to prevent the use of inducements by candidates, complaints about the rampant use of money power and liquor have been pouring in and parties do not spare any efforts to announce an array of sops to influence voters.

Taking the issue seriously, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and District Electoral Officer Dr. K.V. Rajendra has asked his staff, flying squads, static squads and people manning over 45 check posts to be extra vigilant about transportation and supply of liquor to woo voters.

At a meeting with Excise Department officials and officers from the Commercial Tax Department yesterday, the DC directed the Excise Department to increase their vigilance and crack down on illegal sale of liquor and keep a watch on the vulnerable population like tribals who are likely to be influenced with liquor.

Daily stocks to be checked

The DC called for increasing the vigilance level in the border taluks of H.D. Kote and Saragur and crackdown on sale of illicit and illegal liquor. He directed the officers to visit all liquor shops every day to check the stocks, purchases and supply and book them if there are any discrepancies.

They should keep a vigil on the voters being lured with alcohol at the wine shops or their bills being settled by others at bars and restaurants. The owners of the bar and restaurants should be warned about the legal consequences, he stressed. The checking must be intensified 48 hours ahead of voting, during the dry days, during which voter inducement is usually high, the DC said.

Check on after-hours meetings

Officers must take into account the many after-hours meetings that happen in youth and sports clubs, makeshift electoral camps, party supporter's houses or eateries in the remote villages of the district where liquor is supplied. Bars and restaurants have to be monitored to ascertain if people were being lured through offers of liquor or if there was bulk purchase of liquor, the DC said.

Officers were instructed to regularly monitor and subject vehicles to thorough checks at the border check-posts and thoroughly scan them for freebies and liquor hidden in the interiors and special compartments under the seats. The Commercial Tax Department officials were instructed to inspect all goods and daily needs vehicles entering Mysuru district from Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

"Check posts at inter-State borders must have heightened vigil round the clock and all seizure and checking procedures must be photographed and videographed. Bulk transport of cookers, sarees, vessels should be scrutinised and the material should be seized on slightest suspicion," the DC told the officers.

Excise Department District Officer Ravishankar, Kambanna of Commercial Tax Department and other officials were present.

732 rice bags, 722 food kits seized in Mysuru

Statewide, cash, liquor, drugs worth over Rs. 39.3 crore confiscated in three days

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (BCT)- Flying squads and static surveillance teams enforcing the election Model Code of Conduct raided a building in Hanchya on the Ring Road in Mysuru and seized unaccounted rice bags and food kits from a godown of a house late on Saturday.

A press release said that the flying squad, based on intelligence reports and information, went to the house in a private layout and checked the godown in the basement. Over 732 rice bags (each bag containing 26 kg of rice), cereals and ingredients meant for cooking were stored there. These included cooking oil, soaps, paste etc. and there were 722 food kits.

The team also recovered 146 boxes each containing 10 pouches of refined edible oil, 73 boxes each of which contained 10 pouches of vegetable oil, 60 boxes each containing 12 bottles of a soft drink. The estimated value of the seizure was Rs. 19,69,647 and has been confiscated.

People managing the godown and the house told the raiding theme that the goods were meant to be distributed to the poor through a trust as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). However, no documents or records were furnished to authenticate the claims.

Based on the directives of Chamundeshwari Constituency election officer, the goods including cooking materials and food packets were accounted for and the stocks were seized.

Rs. 15.26 lakh cash at Hunsur check post

At the Hunsur check post Rs. 15.26 lakh cash was seized on the night of Mar. 31. Rs. 8.91 lakh was being transported by Kerala-based travellers and the cash bag had no valid documents. On Apr. 1, Rs. 5.68 lakh belonging to Krishna Poultry at Bogadi in Mysuru was seized and on Mar. 30, Rs. 67,000 unaccounted cash was seized from Muthuraya Hosahalli check post on the Hunsur-Virajpet Road.

Hunsur Assistant Commissioner and Taluk Election Officer Ruchi Bindal paid a surprise visit to Chilkunda check-post on the midnight of Mar. 31 and inspected the checking process there. A few officers and staff had dozed off and they were taken to task by the Assistant Commissioner.

State seizure data

Statewide data till Saturday evening shows that the officials have seized cash, liquor, drugs and other goods worth over Rs. 39.3 crore in three days. According to an official release, various enforcement agencies have made seizures across the State. Cash worth over Rs. 7 crore, 1,156 litres of liquor worth Rs. 5.8 lakh, 39.2 kg of drugs worth Rs. 21.7 lakh and freebies worth Rs. 9.6 crore have been seized by Police and flying squads, said a press release from the Election Commission.

Income tax sleuths have seized unaccounted cash worth Rs. 3.9 crore and the Excise Department has seized 1.9 lakh litres of liquor worth Rs. 11.6 crore along with Rs. 1.8 lakh worth drugs.

Over 19,255 licenced guns have been deposited in the respective jurisdictional Police Stations and over nine guns have been seized and the licence of one has been cancelled. A total of 1,091 cases under CrPC and 2,710 non-bailable warrants have been executed.

The Static Surveillance Teams have also seized Rs. 1.4 crore in Shivamogga, Rs. 30 lakh in Chickpet Constituency, Bengaluru and Rs. 1 crore in Kalaburagi.

137 grams of gold seized

As per the data released by the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner this morning, a total of 36,045.27 litres of liquor, carried in two vehicles in T. Narasipur Assembly Constituency have been seized by the Excise Department valued at Rs. 26,20,186. The total value of the vehicles is Rs. 20,000,00.

Other seizures include Rs. 8,38,630 in cash, 137 grams of gold, rice bags and cooking materials worth 19,69,647 by the flying squad, Rs. 42,95,865 by Static Surveillance teams, 59,751.61 litres of liquor worth Rs. 1,51,90,398 have been seized. Rs. 18 lakh that was seized near Varuna Constituency has been handed over to the Income Tax Department.

Know Your Constituency

Who will steer the education, healthcare hub of Chamaraja?

By S.B. Devaraj

Mysuru, Apr. 3- The Chamaraja Constituency, a Vokkaliga-dominated one, has been a BJP bastion for decades. But this time, the Assembly segment is likely to witness a triangular fight between the Congress, BJP and the JD(S).

Ever since the Constituency was formed in 1978, only Vokkaliga MLAs have represented it thus far. Apart from Vokkaligas, the Constituency has a sizeable population of Lingayats, Brahmins, Kurubas, SC/ST communities, minorities and others. However, all the parties have opted to field Vokkaliga candidates in almost all elections since 1978.

While countdown for the 2023 Assembly polls has begun, the three major political parties — Congress, BJP and JD(S) — are yet to announce their candidates.

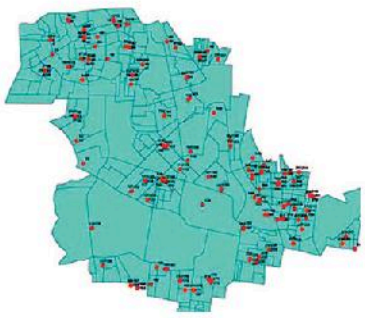
Apart from being an education and healthcare hub, the Chamaraja Constituency boasts of having the City Railway Station, the Internationally-famed Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) and many other institutions of repute. The Constituency is also home to hundreds of Yoga schools that are crowded with foreign learners.

Though H.S. Shankarligegowda was elected on a BJP ticket for four successive terms, he did not get an opportunity to enter the B.S. Yediyurappa-headed first BJP Government in 2008. A miffed Gowda quit the BJP ahead of the 2013 Assembly polls and contested on a JD(S) ticket. He lost the polls to Vasu of the Congress in a stiff triangular fight, with L. Nagendra being the BJP candidate then.

While sitting MLA L. Nagendra, former city BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, former MLC D. Madegowda, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda, leader Jayaprakash (JP) and a few others are in the race for the BJP ticket, former MLA Vasu and Congress leader K. Harish Gowda are seeking Congress ticket.

The JD(S) also has many aspirants for the seat, with Corporators K.V. Sridhar, SBM Manju and Prema Shankaregowda, and former Corporator C. Mahadesh being the main contenders for the party ticket.

However, the JD(S) may field H.K. Ramesh, son of late former MLA H. Kempegowda, it is learnt. The AAP(Aam Admi Party) too is taking the forthcoming polls seriously and has fielded its frontline leader Malavika Gubbivani from the seat. May 10 elections will be a litmus test for L. Nagendra of BJP who hopes to repeat his victory this time too.



VOTER DATA

The Chamaraja Constituency has 2,42,760 voters, who include 1,19,701 males, 1,23,030 females and 29 other voters, with women voters outnumbering men. However, the Constituency has a poor record of poll percentage, with just 59.17 percent polling recorded in the 2018 Assembly polls.

However, it is to be seen if the Constituency will see a much-improved voter turnout this time, with the authorities taking all measures to ensure maximum voting. There are 2,374 physically challenged voters, 9,833 voters who are above 80 years of age and there are 244 polling booths.

WINNERS AND VOTE DATA FROM 1978 TO 2018

Year	MLA	Party	Number of votes
1978	K. Puttaswamy	Janata Party	24,524
1978 (by-poll)	B.N. Kengegowda	Congress (I)	20,234
1983	H. Kempegowda	Janata Party	23,967
1985	K. Kempeeregowda	Janata Party	32,077
1986 (by-poll)	P.M. Chikkaboraiah	Janata Party	25,583
1989	K. Harshakumar Gowda	Congress	31,514
1994	H.S. Shankaralingegowda	BJP	32,620
1999	H.S. Shankaralingegowda	BJP	48,733
2004	H.S. Shankaralingegowda	BJP	38,193
2008	H.S. Shankaralingegowda	BJP	44,243
2013	Vasu	Congress	41,930
2018	L. Nagendra	BJP	51,683

From Universities to Speciality Government Hospitals...

Chamaraja is a hub of education and healthcare in the Mysuru district. It is very difficult for any other Constituency to boast of hospitals and educational institutions like Chamaraja.

Education: University of Mysore, Karnataka State Open University, Maharaja's College, Maharani's College, Yuvaraja's College, Government Ayurveda College and Charaka Post-Graduation College and All India Institute of Speech and Hearing.

Healthcare: Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Ayurveda Hospital, PKTB Hospital, District Hospital, ESI Hospital, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Trauma Care, Panchakarma Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital and Railway Hospital.

Siddharamaiah promises reservation based on population

'Samvidhan Bachao - Desh Bachao'

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (PM&DM)- Accusing the BJP of using reservation quota as a poll plank, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah promised reservation quota to all sections based on the population strength of communities.

He was addressing the gathering at 'Samvidhan Bachao - Desh Bachao' (Save Constitution - Save Country) protest against the BJP's reservation policy organised by the City and District Congress in front of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue in Town Hall premises here yesterday.

Charging the BJP of raking up reservation issue at a time when the State is going to the polls, Siddharamaiah said that the Congress, if voted to power, would hike the total reservation quota beyond the stipulated 50 percent and include it in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.

Accusing the BJP of using reservation quota as a ploy to lure voters, the Opposition Leader said that the BJP's reservation quota hike was full of confusions and contradictions. He warned of intensifying the protest if the BJP renders injustice to communities in its bid to gain political mileage ahead of the Assembly polls by announcing flawed quota hike.

AICC General Secretary and State Congress In-Charge Randeep Surjewala alleged that the Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP Government was out to undo the Constitution by announcing flawed reservation quota. Maintaining that the BJP was against reservation, he alleged that the BJP has conveniently hijacked the reservation for Backward Classes and Minorities. He charged the BJP of insulting the dominant Vokkaliga and Veerashaiva-Lingayat communities.

Former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that the State's reservation policy was both unconstitutional and unscientific. Strongly condemning the injustice rendered to Backward and Minority communities, he alleged that the BJP was indulged in insulting the Constitution.

MLAs Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, Tanveer Sait and Zameer Ahmed, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar, Vasu, A.R. Krishnamurthy and P.M. Narendraswamy, former MP Kagalawadi Shivanna, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, party leaders Chandramouli, K. Harish Gowda, K. Marigowda, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and others were present during the occasion.

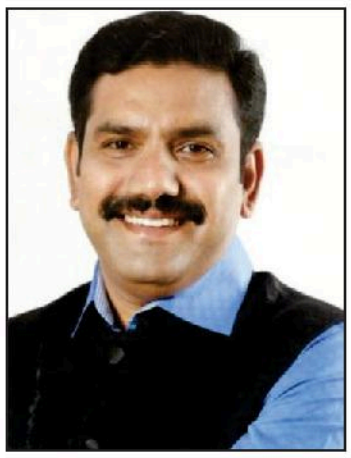
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Make way...Siddharamaiah is marching into Varuna

Hail the Congress hero of Karnataka, Siddharamaiah, the former Congress Chief Minister of Karnataka and the incumbent Opposition Leader. Make way, he is entering the Varuna Constituency in Mysuru district to contest the May 2023 election to the Assembly. He has already won two times (2008 and 2013) from this Constituency and five times including one by-election (1983, 1985, 1994, 2004 and 2006) from the neighbouring Chamundeshwari in Mysuru district.

Siddharamaiah



B.Y. Vijayendra

Some BJP party workers speculate on a 2018 scenario even this time. Which is why, it is said, Vijayendra does not want to lose the chance to contest like last time. And, hence, he wants Shikaripura also, in case he is asked to keep-off Varuna at the last minute. A wise decision. If one does not learn lessons from the past, he will perish.

Three major political parties are in the race for power in the 224 Assembly Constituencies in the State. They are the Congress, the BJP and the JD(S). Of course, there are other minor parties like Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), Karnataka Rashtra Samithi (KRS), Communist parties and Independents. It is common knowledge that some of these parties and individuals are in the field either as dummies to defeat a targeted rival of major political parties by poaching into their votes or to extort money from the serious contestants, offering to withdraw from the contest.

But, some candidates are different from the ordinary. That is because of their political achievement, popularity with the vast majority of the people, being seen as a Statesman rather than as a time-server common politician. They may be unquestioned leaders of their own caste, in this caste-ridden country, but they have become leaders known all over the State. When such people enter the election fray, nobody will ask who? They will ask where? And also why? When a person achieves success in politics, he will be surrounded by a large number of followers, but at the same time he will have an equal number of enemies too.

That is the reason why the attention of the State and even the country, the media, the rival political parties, is firmly focussed on Siddharamaiah. No ordinary candidate he is. He who defeats him will become the 'giant killer' like late George Fernandes of Mumbai who in the late sixties defeated the uncrowned king of Mumbai, the Congress leader S.K. Patil in the election.

About 50 years in active electoral politics, Siddharamaiah has mastered the art and craft of fighting an election, winning and after winning getting a plum portfolio in the Ministry and then move around making audacious speeches as followers kow-towed at his presence, nay, at his feet.

Though his early political experience was staggering, soon he became so successful there was no looking back. It was a period of post-Emergency and the electoral ecology was conducive for the new political warriors opposed to Congress. Yes, he was opposed to Congress. Now, the irony is that he is the tallest standard-bearer of the Congress! And he is the beneficiary, superseding other senior warriors of the Congress. My experience is that to begin with, in democracy, an individual's political life could be hard and even tragic burdened with the ideology. Soon, like snake shedding its skin, he discards the ideology. It may look absurd. But, afterwards, when he succeeds, it is a farce. And in today's political arena, we see many such individuals. And we must simply grin and bear it.

As for Siddharamaiah, he was not the one who voluntarily plunged into politics with any ambition. Destiny beckoned him and he simply followed the path he could see. He himself has expressed this in a TV interview. As a local journalist, I have seen his political journey from day one. In early eighties, I had a socialist Sub-Editor M.R. Shivanna, who would join Siddharamaiah's election campaign with great passion.

It was a period of despair, but soon there was spring of hope for Siddharamaiah. I guess, for a religious master and a political leader, success and acceptability comes from keeping their followers happy by giving them a post-dated cheque of hope for a happy future! Whatever it be, Siddharamaiah rose to become the Chief Minister of the State for a full term of five years, that too as an unchallenged leader, unchallenged even by the Congress High Command. That speaks for his political acumen and mastery of the art of possibility in politics.

However, right now he seems to have been caught in an unenviable situation with his decision to contest from Varuna, which will be vacated by his son for him. He knows BJP will be his arch rival with JD(S) playing the spoilsport. And as mentioned earlier, there would be other dummies too. One last minute clever move by the BJP and one wrong step by the Congress may make him lose. But losing cannot be an option for Siddharamaiah. Therefore, he must have two strings in his bow in this electoral battle. It is for this reason he is seeking election from another Constituency too...

It must be remembered that in this election for BJP defeating Siddharamaiah is equal to defeating the Congress to come to power with a stable government.

It is for this reason BJP is searching for a strong winnable candidate for Varuna and may field a strong candidate in Siddharamaiah's second Constituency also.

Having found none in Mysuru, BJP is likely to bring State BJP Vice-President and B.S. Yeddiyurappa's son, B.Y. Vijayendra, a popular young leader to Varuna. However, he has neither said yes nor no because his father has already vacated his Shikaripura seat in Shivamogga district for him. After all, Shikaripura was his family's pocket-borough.

It is reported that Amit Shah was keen on fielding Vijayendra against Siddharamaiah in Varuna as he is the only one who could challenge Siddharamaiah and even win. But to enter Varuna in deference to the wishes of Amit Shah should not push him into an embarrassing, no Constituency situation for him like it happened in 2018.

To recall, in 2018 Siddharamaiah decided to give up Varuna for his son Dr. Yathindra and contest from Badami in Bagalkot district instead. At the same time Vijayendra had started his campaign in Varuna being sure of getting the ticket and had even taken a house there on rent. I had personally travelled with him at that time twice and seen the popular enthusiasm for the young man with oratorial skill. When everything was going good for him and looked hunky-dory, a thunderbolt from the BJP High Command struck both father and son. A huge public meeting was arranged in Nanjangud on the given day to announce Vijayendra's candidature. B.S. Yediyurappa had landed at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli and then he got a phone call from Delhi BJP High Command. Hold on. Do not announce Vijayendra's candidature. Crestfallen father and son obeyed the diktat.

What prompted this last minute decision of the BJP High Command, people do not know even to this day. It was clear that Vijayendra was asked to leave because someone wanted Dr. Yathindra to win.

Some party workers speculate on a similar scenario even this time. Which is why, it is said, Vijayendra does not want to lose the chance to contest like last time. And, hence, he wants Shikaripura also, in case he is asked to keep-off Varuna at the last minute. A wise decision. If one does not learn lessons from the past, he will perish.

And it is possible Vijayendra may win from both the Constituencies. In Varuna, there are about 70,000 Lingayats and rest a mixed bag. The total voters number about 2,09,121. Since caste and social equations have changed since 2018, the advantage seems to be for a Lingayat candidate. Otherwise why should Siddharamaiah ask for a second Constituency to contest? Anyway for now, make way... Siddharamaiah is marching into Varuna.

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Siddu finds time to watch
RCB Vs Mumbai Indians match

Bengaluru, Apr. 3 (Agencies)- The confusion over his Kolar contest remaining intact notwithstanding and even as the Congress is yet to release the second list of candidates for the elections, senior Congress leader and former CM Siddharamaiah made time to visit the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday as a spectator to watch the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) and Mumbai Indians (MI).

Siddharamaiah, who is an ardent cricket fan, took a break from his hectic election campaign and enjoyed the game at the Stadium. His social media post in support of IPL team RCB went viral with sports-lovers and fans appreciating the sportive spirit of the veteran Congress leader.

"Cricket is my favourite game. I take pride in the RCB team. The team RCB has the wishes of crores of fans like me. I have confidence that our team will lift the cup for sure. As a Kannadiga, my support is always with RCB," Siddharamaiah's post stated. Siddharamaiah sat throughout the match inside the VIP box and enjoyed the game.

Meanwhile, the RCB put on a great fight in a thrilling encounter against the MI and won the match by eight wickets. Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti and Congress leader Basavaraj Rayareddy accompanied Siddharamaiah. The former CM had attended important cricket matches at Chinnaswamy Stadium earlier too.

Preventing EVM fraud

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A second-level randomisation means the Returning Officer later selects the EVMs and VVPATs at a given polling booth/station and all the processes involved will be completed tomorrow.

Returning Officers of all Assembly Constituencies of the district, EVMs and VVPATs Nodal Officer G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who is also the MUDA Commissioner, Election Tahsildar Ramprasad, Revenue Officers of the district and other poll officers were present.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Dr. Rajendra said that the aim of randomisation is to ensure free and fair elections with no human intervention as the randomisation is being done by dedicated software for the purpose. Before the randomisation, he briefed the political representatives about the randomisation process and assured them that all necessary arrangements have been put in place to ensure free and fair polls.

He said after the randomisation, the EVMs and VVPATs will be shifted to dedicated strong rooms of the respective Constituencies where they will be kept under tight security and protection and the further randomisation for allocation of EVMs to polling stations shall be done in upcoming randomisation phases.

All the officials taking part in the randomisation were asked to deposit their cell phones and other electronic devices at the facility. The allotted machines will be dispatched to the designated polling booths under tight Police security and all other safety measures in place, a day prior to the polls.

Rashtra Rakshana Pade Chief booked for murder

Mandya/ Sathanur, Apr. 3- Several people have been booked in connection with the suspicious death of a cattle trader, whose body was found yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Idris Pasha (35), a resident of Guttalu Layout in Mandya. One of the prime suspects in the case has been identified as Puneet Kerehalli, Chief of Rashtra Rakshana Samithi Pade, who has been booked by Police among others. Puneet and others had intercepted a goods vehicle in front of Sathanur Police Station and had handed over 16 cattle heads which were being transported in the vehicle to the Police on Saturday midnight. Three persons, who were in the goods vehicle, had fled from the spot and one person was caught by Puneet and his team, who handed him over to the Police. A case in this regard was registered yesterday morning. Meanwhile, the goods vehicle driver, alleging that his vehicle was illegally detained, had lodged a complaint against Puneet and his team members. But at about 9 am yesterday, the body of Idris was found at a distance from the spot, where the goods vehicle was detained.

Puneet Kerehalli *Idris Pasha*

Alleging that Puneet and his team members had killed Idris, his family members and relatives staged a protest in front of the Police Station following which the Police registered a murder case against Puneet and others.

Meanwhile, one Younis Pasha, in his complaint, has stated that the cattle were legally purchased at Tandekere Fair near Shivapura in Maddur taluk and there was a receipt for the purchase. "But still, in the name of cow protection, the goods vehicle was illegally stopped and Puneet Kerehalli and team members assaulted us and demanded Rs. 2 lakh. Fearing them, three of us escaped from the spot and Puneet and his team members, who caught hold Idris, who was hiding among the bushes nearby, assaulted and killed him," the complaint stated.

After post-mortem, the body of Idris was handed over to his family members, who carried the body in a truck in a procession and demanded the arrest of Puneet and others. Last rites were conducted at the Muslim Burial Grounds later.

Sathanur Police, who have registered three separate cases, are investigating.

Obituary

Alhaja Saleema Bi

Mysuru, Apr. 3- Alhaja Saleema Bi (84), wife of late Syed B.M. Ameer and a resident of No. 196, 3rd Cross, Siddique Nagar, passed away in the early hours of this morning at her residence.

She leaves behind four sons including retired KEB employee Syed Althaf Pasha, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

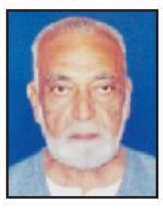
Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road today after Asar, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Srinivasa

Srinivasa (83), retired Commercial Tax Officer and a resident of Tilaknagar, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, sons Gopi and Suresha, daughter Hemalatha, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Sheik Mohammed Naseer



Sheik Mohammed Naseer (87), retired High School Teacher and a resident of Udayagiri, passed away yesterday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind three sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday after Namaz-e-Isha (8.30 pm) at Masjid-e-Bilal in Udayagiri, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Yvette

Srirangapatna: Yvette (95), a resident of Scott's Bungalow in the town, passed away on Mar. 31 at the bungalow.She leaves behind three sons, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral will be held on Apr. 4.

A. Ramu

Ponnampet: A. Ramu, former President of Halligattu Kannambaadiamma Temple and a resident of Mahatma Gandhi Nagar in the taluk, passed away at Jayadeva Hospital in Mysuru on Mar. 31. He leaves behind his wife Chennajamma, two sons, sister, brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held on Friday evening at the burial grounds on

Police raid godowns

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Police sources said that Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) worth crores of rupees and other goods have already arrived in city even before the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct and are being stored inside such godowns within city limits and outskirts. This liquor is meant to be distributed among local bootleggers to reach the voters. "We will continuously raid the storage places and book violators under various sections. Whoever is storing materials must have proper documents," Police said.

'Paschatapa Satyagraha' in city

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (MTY&TRR)- Former Minister and MLC A.H. Vishwanath staged a protest of repentance (Paschatapa Satyagraha) in front of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi near City Law Courts Complex in city this morning, after garlanding the bust of Mahatma Gandhi and the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

"I am staging this Satyagraha because I was part of a team that was responsible for the present BJP Government coming to power in the State. Since we thought that the then Coalition Government was not contributing anything for the people of the State, we stood at the forefront to form a BJP Government in the State. But the BJP Government later became the most corrupt Government in the history of Karnataka. Now we are regretting of bringing the corrupt BJP Government to power in the State," said MLC Vishwanath.

Writer K.S. Bhagwan, theatre personality C. Basavalingaiah, State Kuruba Association President Subramanya, leaders K.S. Shivaram, Shaukat Ali, Poorvaj, Dhiresh, Revanna and others participated in the protest.

Ramothsava Sangeethotsava: Day 3

Tribute to Rama through Tygaraja kritis

Vid. Herambha and Vid. Hemanth presenting a flute duet at 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' a series of concerts organised as part of 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust at Alamma's Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 1. They are accompanied Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudhindra on mridanga and Vid. Shamit Gowda on ghata.

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Twin brothers **Vid. Hemanth** and **Vid. Herambha,** the only two flute brothers in Karnatak music, performed for Ramabhyudaya Sabha at Alamma's Choultry in Srirampet on Saturday (Apr. 1). They were supported on violin by young **Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar**, on mridanga by **Vid. H.S. Sudhindra** and on ghata by Vid. Shamit Gowda. The flute concert was marked for their vocal style in playing.

There was a delay in commencing the concert due to mike set up. The duo started the concert with the Kalyani Varna 'Vanajakshi' in Adi Tala by Ramnad Srnivasa Iyengar. (There is a dispute regarding the composer of this varna as some say it is composed by Pallavi Gopala Iyer while some others opine that it is by Kalyani Varadarajan). The latter half of the varna in trishra nade melkalam set the warm up for the concert.

After a brisk 'Seetapate' in Kamas and 'Enta Muddu' in bindumalaini by Tyagaraja, the duo took up Purvikalyani for detailed elucidation. 'Gyanamu Sagaraada' by Tyagaraja was the composition wherein the brothers' youthful exuberance was in full play in swarakalpana.

The conversational mode between the flautists and the percussionists was enjoyable and appealing here and young Vishwesh proved his skill in alapana and kalpana swaras meeting the challenges that the brothers offered.

An elaborate shankarabharana essay shared by the brothers led to 'Enduku Paddala', another Tyagaraja Kriti, making it five in succession. Vishwesh's version in reply was equally impressive. Detailed swaras built leisurely at 'Andari vale datidati vadariti' proved the brothers' raga-based approach.

Senior mrdangist Sudhindra was encouraging not only to the main artistes but also to young Shamit throughout the concert, appreciating his moves even in their taniyavartanam.

Annamacharya's 'Narayana Te Namo Namo' in Behag was the concluding item of the concert.

Two from Kodagu bag Chief Minister's Medal

C.U. Savi *M.N. Niranjan*

Madikeri, Apr. 3- Two Police personnel from Kodagu have been selected for the Chief Minister's Medal for their exemplary service in the Department.

They are Madikeri Division's CID Forest Mobile Squad Sub-Inspector C.U. Savi and District Crime Detection Unit Head Constable M.N. Niranjan.

Savi has been serving in the Police Department since 13 years and has served at many places including Nanjangud and Bylakuppe and is presently serving in Madikeri Division. She is a native of Kolakeri.

M.N. Niranjan is a resident of Ashokapura in Madikeri and is serving in the Police Department since 22 years.

He had served in various Police Stations including Madikeri Rural Police Station and is presently serving at District Crime Detection Unit.

Folk, Music and Sanskrit Universities neglected: VC Prof. Bettakote

Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote addressing the gathering during a special lecture programme on 'Manuscriptology' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 3 (SPN&TRR)- Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote has regretted that the Universities of Folk, Music and Sanskrit are severely being deprived of development in the absence of adequate financial grants.

He was giving a special lecture programme 'Grantha Sampadanashastrada Parichaya' (Manuscriptology - an introduction), jointly organised by the Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore, Mysuru and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), Regional Centre, Bengaluru, at Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore, here recently.

"The habit of studying ancient literary works is diminishing among the present day students. With this trend, how can one know the geographical factors?" he wondered and said that ORI introduced Kautilya's Arthashastra to the world.

"Even today, Kautilya's Arthashastra helps us to understand the present political, economical and social conditions of our country," opined the VC.

"The invaluable books that are housed in ORI should be made easily available to all libraries, researchers and research students. This will facilitate the unearthing of many hidden and unknown true incidents which can be offered for public use. It is commendable that the ORI and IGNCA have signed a memorandum in this connection," added Prof. Bettakote.

"More research needs to done about ancient manuscripts and inscriptions which needs financial grants from the Government. When it is not made available adequately, the protection and research of ancient will be affected. Of late, people are after fast paced life styles which poses threat to the very existence of life," said the VC.

"To preserve ancient arts and literature, the Government has established Folk, Music and Sanskrit Universities. The Government should provide sufficient grants and develop them. The Government had said earlier that while implementing the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, special priority will be given to the development of these Universities. But that has not been implemented yet," regretted VC Prof. Bettakote.

Retired Scholar of ORI Dr. S. Jagannath spoke about Manuscriptology. ORI Director Dr. D.P. Madhusudanacharya, Deputy Director Dr. C. Parvati, IGNCA Coordinating Assistant R. Swaksha, Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional (IGNOU)-Bengaluru Director S. Mahendra were present at the function.

Vidu. Gayathri Venkatraghavan from Chennai performs at Bidaram Krishnappa's Mandira

Vidu. Gayathri Venkatraghavan from Chennai presenting a grand vocal concert at Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in Devaraja Mohalla yesterday as part of the ongoing 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. She is accompanied by Vid. Mysore Srikanth on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi on ghata.

Anniversary of Layavidya Pratishtana

Vidyabhushan

Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy

Mysuru, Apr. 3- Layavidya Pratishtana celebrated its 15th anniversary with a grand two-day event in Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar here recently. The inaugural function was held in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and Sri Arjun Guruji. MLA S.A. Ramdas, R. Vasudev Bhat and D. Srihari.

Vidyabhushan gave a devotional songs concert on the occasion.

Valedictory ceremony was held in the presence of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Arjun Guruji, Dr. C.G. Narasimhan and Dr. Sudarshan. It was followed by a special ensemble music by Layalahari directed by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy. It was a full house audience on both days.

Please vote: Artistic poll booths grab eyeballs

Awareness campaigns through art being taken up to attract urban voters and improve voting percentage

By Mohan Kayaka

Ever since the Election Commission took up the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programme under many themes for greater participation for a stronger democracy, the voting percentage has been on a steady rise but not to the expected mark.

Taking a leaf from older campaigns, the District Administration is trying out new methods of voter awareness to further increase the voting percentage, especially in the urban areas where the dislike for politicians, their parties and hollow promises has manifested into a bigger problem — a huge drop in the voting percentage.

Ahead of the Assembly polls, Mysuru is trying a unique approach to popularise voting. The walls of polling booths in the city have turned into a canvas for sending a message on the significance of voting in an artistic manner.

"Priya mathadarare...! Illi banni... deshada hitakkagi nimma amoolyavada matha chalaisi... (Dear voters, come here and cast your valuable vote for the sake of the country) said one such poster.

The District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and District-level SVEEP Committee have jointly taken an initiative to create awareness of compulsory voting by drawing attractive paintings on the walls and pillars of polling booths. The painting works have been completed in five to six prominent polling booths, inviting the voters to their democratic right and responsibility.

The meaningful words that form the messages on voting, written in Kannada are as follows — "thappade mathadana maadi" (vote without fail), "nimma matha rashtrakke hitha" (your vote is for the country's good), "uttama bharathakkagi matha haaki" (vote for a better India), "voter ID hondiruvudu neevu bharateeyanendu thorisuttade, aadare matha hakuvudu neevu obba jawabdhari bharateeyanendu torisuttade", (Voter ID shows that you are an Indian, but voting shows you are one of the responsible Indians), "banni matha haaki"(come and vote), "nanna matha nanna bhavishya" (my vote is my future), "prathi mathavu athayamulya" (every vote is valuable), "uttama rajyakkagi matha haaki" (vote for a better State), "mathadana namma prathama kartavya" (voting is our primary duty), "uttama naalegagi indu matha chalayisi" (vote today for better tomorrow) and "jagrutha mathadara rashtrada bhavishyavannu bareyuttane" (an awakened voter writes country's future).

The paintings of the Tricolour, army and soldiers, Policemen and various others that form an integral part of society, are a sight to behold that really inspire the voters.

The walls and pillars of the buildings of Government Higher Primary School, 7th Main Road, Paduvarahalli (Vinayaka Nagar), Government Higher Primary School, Jyoti Nagar, Government Higher Primary School, T.K. Layout, Government Kannada Lower Primary School, HUDCO Layout, Bannimantap and Government Primary School, KSRP Police Quarters, have been painted in such an artistic manner to disseminate the message on voting, while the painting works are underway at several other booths.

Over 10 professional painters are involved in the task of wall painting with messages, recreating the scenes of polling stations, with voters amid Police security, maps of Karnataka and India, national symbols, and Police and soldiers in uniforms among several others.

Nodal Officer of District-Level SVEEP Committee Ranjit Kumar told *Star of Mysore* that various awareness programmes have been taken up to increase the percentage of voting as per the direction of the Election Commission of India.

Ranjit Kumar

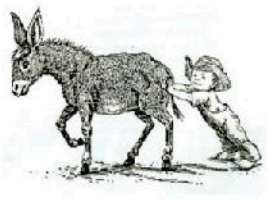
"Enhancing the look of polling booths is one such initiative, to strengthen the faith of voters in democracy and also the importance of voting, to eventually increase the percentage of voting being the main purpose," he said.

"These theme-based decorations aim to attract more voters to polling stations during the festival of Democracy. Our officers who are working at the grassroots are also educating voters," he added.

WORD OF THE DAY

Obdurate

Pronunciation: AHB-duh-rut.



Meaning: Obdurate is a formal word that means "resistant to persuasion." It is usually used to describe someone who is stubborn or not willing to change their opinion or the way they do something.

Origin: When trying to persuade someone who has an obdurate disposition, you may end up feeling rather dour about your ability to change their mind. To endure such encounters in the future, you may find that you need to be more durable and not let their mulishness get you down. Maybe you will find such situations less stressful if you can face them knowing that the words obdurate, dour, endure, and durable are etymological kissing cousins. All trace back to the Latin adjective durus, which means "hard."

Example: "The reincarnation of the hulking pickup truck ... has been lauded by manufacturer General Motors (GM) as proof that electric vehicles (EVs) can now reach even middle America's most obdurate devotees of supersized car culture." — Oliver Milman

THE ODD WORD

Octonocular

Having eight eyes.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Old hat

Meaning: Old-fashioned; hackneyed.

Origin: The term 'old hat' began to be used in the early 20th century; for example, this piece from the Cornish writer Sir Arthur Thomas Quiller-Couch's novel Brother Copas, 1911: "And the difference is not that religion has ceased to teach it - for it hasn't - but that men have grown decent and put it, with like doctrines, silently aside in disgust. So it has happened with Satan and his fork: they have become 'old hat'." There is no reason to believe that Quiller-Couch was alluding to anything other than the worn out and hackneyed appearance of old hats. It is quite likely that he wasn't aware of an earlier meaning of 'old hat', which had gone out of use by the 20th century. That was an altogether more vulgar allusion; to the female vulva. This was referred to quite explicitly in Thomas D'Urfey's comic play The Intrigues at Versailles, 1697: "Why, how now, ye piece of old Hat, what are ye musty? the Jade's as musty as a stale pot of Marmalade of her own making." George Grose, in the 1785 version of his Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue, lists the term like this: "Old hat; a woman's privities: because frequently felt."

QUOTE BOX

How a hat makes you feel is what a hat is all about.

—Philip Treacy

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SIDE

Answer: Side by side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 604 in Rome
5 Curve
9 Boxing results, abbr.
12 Mumtaz movie or something to eat
13 Playback singer ___ Nigam
14 Spanish gold
15 So be it!
16 Gives solace
18 Monotony or ennui
20 Triumphant cry
21 Acquired or procured
22 Ex-India all-rounder Salim ___
25 Russian prison camp
28 Place to sleep in
29 Faux ___ : a social blunder?
30 Unique or singular person
31 Two-year old sheep
32 Horn of crescent moon, for example?
33 Advocate, in short
34 Cloth fragment
35 Lay out
36 A protective part of a shoe
38 Actor's signal
39 Little Ronald
40 Critical, pressing or exigency
44 Avoid risk (4,4)
47 Hockey on horseback?
48 Drinking cup
49 Double reed
50 French composer ___ Satie
51 ___ to a Nightingale : a poem by Keats?
52 Strong-smelling perfume
53 Molest or assault or violate

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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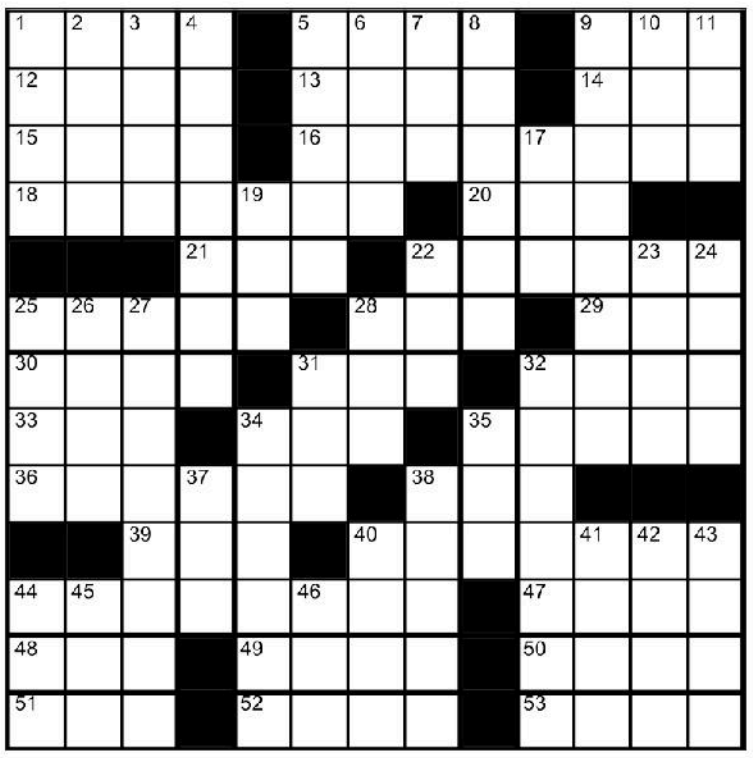
DOWN

1 Dull and monotonous
2 Italian lake
3 Road to Rome-"tier" anagram?
4 A condiment and pickling medium
5 English racecourse
6 Space available
7 Ted Turner's network
8 Keep secret or hidden? (4,2)
9 City in Maharashtra famous for its footwear
10 Mineral source
11 Sea plea
17 Propel a boat, row
19 Popular pet
22 ___ up: Unearth
23 Initials of the American space authority
24 Children's 'spotting' game (1,3)
25 Sign of Capricorn
26 Loosen
27 Influence
28 Barrel
31 Faucet or spigot
32 A climbing plant
34 Kidnapper's demand
35 Eighth month, in short
37 Affectedly devious
38 Brook or small river
40 Alien craft
41 "Oran" anagram to get a girl's name?
42 Shear or cut
43 Mark of servitude
44 Prime Minister's Off.
45 Colloquial word for a lord?
46 Mount ___ : hill resort in Rajasthan?



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	2	8	1	5	3	4	7
3	5	7	4	2	6	1	8	9
1	8	4	9	3	7	6	5	2
2	1	8	6	4	3	7	9	5
5	4	6	2	7	9	8	3	1
9	7	3	5	8	1	2	6	4
7	3	5	1	6	4	9	2	8
4	2	1	3	9	8	5	7	6
8	6	9	7	5	2	4	1	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AMXMWJ TDA XQ QNDTGPJ PSOQ CQ. YMCQGSCQY

QEQA S KDEQ GZMRXPQ WMSAV SG.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?

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John Wick Chapter 4 (E)	(S-1)	10.10 am; (S-4) 9.55 pm
Kabza (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.05pm, 7.05pm, 10.05pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Viduthalai Part 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among (E)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bholaa (H)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kabzaa (K)	:	1.00 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm

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		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (H)	:	10.30 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm

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Dasara (Te)	:	9.05 am, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dasara (K)	:	3:25 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.20 pm
Bholaa (H)	:	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm,
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 3)

- **Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru:** Violin recital by Vid. **Sumanth Manjunath, 5.30 pm;** Book release — 'Sri Vidya Visharada Sri Jayachamarajendra Vaggeya Vaibhava' (authored by *Karnataka Kalashri Sangeetha Vidyanidhi* Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy) — by Internationally-acclaimed violinist brothers Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath, Noopura Kalavidharu Samskruthika Trust Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao speaks about the book, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Pranth Sanghachalak M. Venkatram presides, Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy and JSS Educational Institutions retired Librarian H.S. Umadevi Nanjundaswamy will be present, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vid. Badri Divya Bhushan, Vid. K.R. Vishwa Deep, Vidu. Sindhu, Vidu. Jyothi Hegde and disciples, Vidu. Chethana Radhakrishna and disciples, Vidu. Anjana Bhushan and Vidu. Varija Nalige and disciples, Ramagovinda Rangamandira, Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.** [Mob: 94487-70741]

- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, grand vocal concert by **Vid. Sandeep Narayan** from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, vocal duet by Vidu. Vipanchi Raghuram, Bengaluru and Vidu. Mahatee Raghuram, Mysuru, accompanied by Vid. Amogh Nadadur on violin and Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Bhaktavrinda Seva Trust:** 22nd Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Uyyalotsava to Lord Rama, Shayanotsava, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Vocal Duet by **Malladi Brothers — Vid. Malladi Sreeramprasad and Vid. Malladi Ravikumar** — accompanied by Vid. Embar Kannan on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on kanjira, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 4)

- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Sitar Recital by Vidu. Anupama Bhagavat, accompanied by Pt. Ravindra Yavgal on tabla, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vidu. Hiranmayee Srinidhi from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. A. Radesh on mridanga and Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi Krishna on morching, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, tala-maddale 'Ravanana Vadhe' by Vid. Ganapati Bhat, Sunkadagudi and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

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		6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.30 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kabzaa (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm
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Bhoola (H-3D)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.20 pm

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1st Indian to achieve this IPL feat

Bengaluru, Apr. 3- Virat Kohli looked in glorious form as the star batter scored a magnificent half-century to guide Royal Challengers Bangalore to victory over Mumbai Indians in IPL 2023 yesterday.

Kohli

Kohli slammed 82 off just 49 deliveries with the help of six fours and five sixes. This was his 50th 50-plus score in IPL and he became the first Indian cricketer ever to achieve the impressive feat. Overall, Delhi Capitals opener David Warner tops the list with 60. Punjab Kings skipper Shikhar Dhawan is third on the overall list with 49. Kohli currently has 45 fifties and 5 hundreds to his name.

IPL 2023

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 3)

CSK Vs LSG — 7.30 pm
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RR - 203 / 5 (20)
BEAT
SRH - 131 / 8 (20)

RCB - 172 / 2 (16.2)
BEAT
MI - 171 / 7 (20)

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